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Councilmen Try New Pay Hike

For the second time in a year, Torrance councilmen will ask the voters for a pay increase. Councilmen acted unanimously—and without debate—last night to place two charter amendments on the April 18 ballot which will, if approved by voters, immediately increase the \$100 salary now paid to councilmen to \$300 per month.

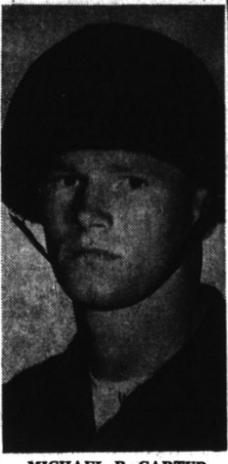
Voters rejected a similar proposal in April, 1966, by a 2-to-1 margin and turned down a charter amendment which would have increased the salary of the mayor to \$400 by the same margin. Actual effect of the amendments as proposed will be to provide for salaries which are identical to those paid councilmen in general law cities the same size as Torrance.

Under existing state law, adopted by the Legislature in 1966, councilmen in a general law city of 140,000 persons would be paid \$300 each month. Torrance is a charter city and such acts by the State Legislature have no effect in the city.

The second amendment actually will have no meaning at this time, should it be approved, one city official reported. The added measure, provides that the mayor shall receive a salary equal to that of "mayors of general law cities the size of Torrance who are elected by the people."

Under existing law, no special distinction is made between the mayor and a councilman. The amendments, if approved, would become effective on the day after the election.

Voters will be asked to approve a \$2.3 million library bond issue April 18 and to elect two members of the school board in a consolidated election.



MICHAEL B. CARTER Dies in Vietnam

Marine Dies in Vietnam

A 21-year-old Torrance Marine has been killed in action in Vietnam, his parents were informed Monday by the Department of Defense.

Lance Cpl. Michael B. Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel Carter of 1039 W. 225th St., was killed Feb. 23 in Quang Ngai Province, it was reported here Monday.

Cpl. Carter is the fourth Torrance area soldier whose death has been announced in the past 10 days. He is the seventh area man to be killed in Vietnam since the first of the year.

A native of Torrance, he was born in Torrance Memorial Hospital. He was graduated in June, 1963, from Narbonne High School in Lomita and entered the Marine Corps in March, 1966.

Cpl. Carter completed basic training at Camp Pendleton and was assigned to Vietnam last September.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Lonnie Carter, a Navyman assigned to the USS Rowan homeported in San Diego, and Russell Carter, a junior at Carson High School. Also surviving are his grandparents, Ruby Payne of Baldwin Park, Calif., Jess Payne of Texas, Enula Carter of El Centro, Calif., and Maude Nixon of Oklahoma.

Council Rejects Dump Proposal in 6-0 Vote

Vote on Vacancy April 11

Mrs. Dorothy Chapel, widow of the late Charles E. Chapel, may be a leading candidate to succeed him at the April 11 primary election, it was indicated here this morning.

Mrs. Chapel's name is one of several offered throughout the 46th District following the announcement by Governor Reagan's office that he had set the general election for May 9 to choose a successor to Republican Charles Chapel. The primary date automatically falls four weeks earlier.

THE ELECTION is required under state law to pick a new Assemblyman following the sudden death on Feb. 20 of the veteran legislator.

Others reportedly interested in seeking the post include attorney Robert Beverly of Manhattan Beach, who opposed Chapel in the Republican primary last year.

Redondo's Mayor William Czullegar has been reported as "interested," along with Councilman David K. Hayward of Redondo.



CHAMPIONS . . . Rolly Reyes (at left) and Norm McCracken, drum majors of the North High School Saxons Marching Band, have been named state champions in the twin division of the California State Drum Major Championships. They will serve as instructors at the College of the Baton Camp this summer at the University of Redlands.

Saxons Drum Majors Are Best in State

Senior Rolly Reyes and junior Norm McCracken, drum majors of the North High School band, have won the twin division honors in the annual California State Drum Major Championships.

The two youths will serve as instructors during the summer session of the College of the Baton Camp at the University of Redlands. Baton Camp is a week of intensive drum major training, Reyes explained.

Reyes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reyes of 2127 W. 176th St. He has been a drum major of the North High band for the past three years and hopes to be a drum major in college.

Residents in Nearby Homes Lead Protest

By JERRY REYNOLDS Press-Herald City Editor

Plans for an 85-acre rubbish dump in the Walteria section of the city were turned down by Torrance councilmen last night following a three-hour hearing before an overflow audience at city hall.

Councilmen voted 6-0 to reject the petition of Land Fill, Inc., to operate the dump under a zoning variance.

Councilman George Vico disqualified himself after he told Mayor B. Henry, attorney for the firm seeking the variance, he was not "going to vote for it (the dump) tonight." Vico made his remark early in the public hearing and its propriety was quickly questioned by Mayor Albert Ison.

ISSEN SAID the council was acting as a quasi-judicial body in the case and said Vico's remarks might suggest he had "prejudged the case."

The council's decision was loudly applauded by the packed audience.

"The city cannot bail out everyone who comes along with a big hole and doesn't know what to do with it," Councilman David K. Lyman declared. Lyman said the hardship plea on which proponents of the rubbish dump based their case was "man-made hardship."

"We are not forcing them to continue digging," he added.

Attorney Henry, speaking for Charles Pratty, president of the firm seeking the variance, told councilmen the dump would be operated in such a way as to be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. He said a rubbish dump was the only practical use for the land, which has been the scene of sand and gravel mining operations for many years.

Henry said the firm would (See DUMP VOTE on A-3)

Fugitive Captured By Police

A Torrance man wanted by Federal Bureau of Investigation on a narcotics smuggling charge was arrested here early yesterday along with a 20-year-old box boy.

Douglas Warren Stringer, 22, of 2270 W. Sepulveda Blvd., was being held for the U. S. Marshal or federal officers, Torrance police reported Tuesday.

Stringer and Donald C. Kerr, of 21402 Howard Ave., were arrested about 2 a.m. Tuesday near Emerald and Earl streets. Police said they found 15 red and pink capsules and a syringe during a search of the vehicle.

Kerr was booked at the Torrance City Jail on suspicion of possession of dangerous drugs and paraphernalia. Stringer also was booked at the Torrance City Jail.

Two Men Die On Freeways

Weekend traffic accidents on Torrance area freeways and streets left two dead and others injured, a compilation of reports show.

Albert Watson Jr., 26, of Signal Hill, was killed Sunday evening when his car struck the center divider and overturned on the San Diego Freeway near Carson Street. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital nearby where he was pronounced dead.

Joe W. Young, 24, of Manhattan Beach, was killed Saturday when his car spun out of control on the Harbor Freeway at Artesia Boulevard. A passenger, Pedro Delacruz, 36, of Gardena, was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

A CARSON area man, injured Saturday evening when his car struck two vehicles which were parked, has been released from the hospital.

Michael Anthony Myers, 19, of 738 W. 223rd St., was released from Little Company of Mary Hospital Monday. He had been confined in the hospital's intensive care unit since Saturday evening.

Myers was injured about 10:15 p.m. Saturday when he apparently lost control of his car while driving west on Torrance Boulevard near Wood Avenue. His vehicle collided with a car owned by Edward C. Sharich of 20700 Anza Ave. and one owned by George W. Brawn of Redondo Beach.

A 17-year-old North Torrance girl sustained minor injuries Sunday about 5:30 p.m. when the car in which she was riding jumped a highway divider and hit a fence.

Pamela Felderman, of 4342 W. 177th St., was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released.

Miss Felderman was a passenger in a car driven by Henry J. Lopez, 19, of 16316 Van Ness Ave. Lopez was driving west on Artesia Boulevard when he lost control of the car. Police said the car jumped the highway divider, crossed the eastbound lanes, and hit a fence near the San Diego Freeway overpass.

Police blamed the crash on a steering malfunction.



RUSSELL J. WEST New City Librarian

Riverside Man to Direct Torrance Library System

Russell James West, currently administrative librarian for the city of Riverside, last night was named librarian for the city of Torrance.

West, 48, will come to work at once to direct the transition from present library operations to a municipal library system. The city will establish its own library system when the current contract with Los Angeles County expires in June, 1968.

A native of Pennsylvania, West was graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in education and earned his master's degree in library science at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

He has done graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Southern California, and the University of California at Riverside.

A veteran of 15 years as a librarian, West was high school librarian in Sandusky County, Ohio, and was the head librarian for the Riverside City School District before being named to his present position. As administrative librarian for the city and county of Riverside, he has served as the director of technical services.

West is a member of the American and California Library Associations and the Professional Librarian Executive Association of Southern California.

A veteran of the Air Force, he is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Toastmasters International, and the Board of Directors of the Riverside YMCA.

West and wife, Margaret, are parents of three daughters.

Psychiatric Tests Ordered

A 24-year-old Carson man arrested Sunday by Gardena police on suspicion of murder has been ordered to undergo psychiatric examination following his arraignment in South Bay Municipal Court. John S. Mathos, of 21605 S. Berendo St., was arrested Sunday. He is accused of slashing the throat of Charles McFadden, 21, of 18027 S. St. Andrews Place. McFadden, a clerk at a Gardena market, died Friday night when he tried to stop a man suspected of stealing a bottle of wine, police said. Mathos is due to return to South Bay Municipal Court March 10.

Liquor Store Robbed

Owner Ronald Linn was forced to hand over about \$200 to two bandits who held him up at gunpoint in his liquor store at 3709 W. 190th St. Tuesday night. Linn told officers the two Negro men, one described as 6 feet 7, entered the store and loitered a few moments until some customers left. The tall man, displaying an automatic 45-caliber weapon, demanded the money. When asked if "this is for real," by the victim, the second bandit said "quit stalling or you'll find out." Linn said the pair took the money and left westbound on 190th street, driving a late-model car.

Tanker Flips, Kills Driver

A shell Oil Co. tanker loaded with chemicals flipped and burned on the southbound Harbor Freeway at the B and C offramps in Wilmington Tuesday night, pinning the driver in the fiery cab and spilling burning liquid into drain lines feeding into the Los Angeles Harbor. Identity of the driver had not been reported early today. Harbor area firemen said the blaze was so hot they were unable to approach the vehicle for several hours. Fireboats and other emergency equipment called into the harbor area contained the threat of burning chemicals flowing into the west basin area.

Bids Due on Street Work

Bids for the improvement of a section of Sepulveda Boulevard in the city of Los Angeles will be opened by the city's Board of Public Works March 22.

The project involves the construction of a four-lane roadway between Western Avenue and Normandie Ave-